

THE CRUMB

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Welcome to Bread Loaf

THE CRUMB greets you on the opening day of the twenty-seventh session of the Bread Loaf School of English. We shall be on hand every day at lunch to bring you news and notes about school activities, official and unofficial. Members of the school may place items of interest or urgency in the box marked "Crumb Notices" in Miss Becker's office.

In the preliminary announcement we indicated the duties of the Inn Desk and Director's Office. Members of the staff desire in every way to minister to the wants of the students. They do not expect to be tipped, and students are requested not to offer such remuneration. Please understand that our facilities are not hotel facilities but merely dormitory accommodations. Leave suggestions concerning room equipment or repairs with Miss Becker. The staff hopes that your stay will be a pleasant one.

Saturday Evening

Formal opening of the School will occur tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Little Theatre. Directly after the exercises there will be an informal gathering in the recreation room at the Barn. All members of the School are cordially invited to attend.

Vesper Service

The first Vesper service of the school will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Little Theatre. Rev. E. R. Holden of the Congregational Church at Middlebury, assisted by Mr. Erie Volkert, will conduct the service.

Middlebury Church Services

The taxi will make a trip to Middlebury each Sunday morning for those wishing to attend church services. The Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, and Methodist services begin at 10:45 a. m., and the masses at the Catholic Church are held at 8:30 and 10:30.

If you wish to attend church in Middlebury tomorrow, please sign at the Inn Desk, stating which church you wish to attend.

Health Notice

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson, R.N., will have office hours daily in Treman Cottage from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.; 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.; and 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Except in cases of emergency, Mrs. Wilkinson should not be called during any but the regular hours.

Notice

Mr. Herrschaft, our resident manager, calls to your attention the posted notices concerning the limitations on cashing checks at the local banks or elsewhere.

He also wishes to emphasize the fact that the treasurer's receipt, given on payment of bills to Middlebury College, is accepted as identification for cashing checks at the local banks.

Notice to Smokers

Please do not crush cigarettes on the floors of classrooms or of any other rooms. It is also requested that you be careful to extinguish your cigarettes when outdoors. Fires are not fussy about where they start.

Dining Room Notice

It is imperative that all students come to meals promptly, especially to breakfast, so that those who are waiting on table may be able to reach their classes on time. No students may be served breakfast after 8:00 a.m. on weekdays. There can be no exceptions to this rule.

Book Store

The Book Store will open this afternoon at about three. If necessary, it will open after dinner this evening for a short period. Regular Book Store hours will be announced in our next issue.

Library Notice

The Davison Memorial Library contains the following collections:

1. Books to be used in connection with courses.
2. Miscellaneous books for general reading.
3. The Wilfred Davison Memorial collection which includes autographed copies of the works of those authors who have been connected with Bread Loaf, and books given to the library by friends.

The library will be open on regular schedule starting tomorrow:

Weekdays
8:15 - 12:30 noon
1:45 - 5:00 p.m.
7:15 - 10:00 p.m.

Saturdays
9:00 - 12:00 noon
1:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays
9:00 - 12:00 noon
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Come and drowse, -- er, browse, that is.

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Evening Program

Tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre Robert Frost will honor us with a visit.

Tintinnabulation Tabulated

At the sound of the musical note, the ding or the dong, you will react as follows:

- a) At 7:00 a.m., rise and attempt to shine.
- b) At 7:30 a.m., walk (DO NOT RUN) to the Dining Room.
- c) At 8:25 pack your various pokes for the first hour class.
- d) At 8:30 assume position for Palmer-method practice class is in session.
- e) At 9:25 collect yourselves and paraphernalia for the second class of the morning.
- f) At 9:30 second hour class begins.
- g) And so on to 12:25, the end of lectures for the day! (Students are requested not to form cheering sections)
- h) At 12:45 the line forms for lunch.
- i) At 6:00 likewise for dinner.
- j) At ten minutes before an evening program you will hear the Curtain Going Up Bell.
- h) Again at the still point of time for the lecture you will be notified.

Book Store

The regular hours when the store will be open, daily except Sunday, are:

8:15 - 8:45

1:15 - 1:45

7:00 - 7:30

Copies of "Collected Poems of Robert Frost" (\$5.00) and "A Masque of Reason" (\$2.00) are available. If you wish to have them autographed, leave your name in your book and your book in the Book Store. You are asked not to disturb Mr. Frost in person for autographs.

Dining Room Edict

Seating arrangements will be changed every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at dinner. Be sure to consult the bulletin board list for your place.

Attention, Thespians

Casting tryouts for the first program of one-act plays to be given at the Little Theatre Friday evening, July 12 will be held at the Little Theatre this Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The tryouts will be for the first two plays: "Hands Across the Sea" by Noel Coward and "No, Not the Russians" by Osmond Molarsky. However, and we quote, "The director will view all aspirants with an eye toward the six other one-act plays to follow." All students are welcome to these tryouts.

Daily Papers

Copies of "The Herald Tribune" are available in the Book Store. If you wish to reserve your copy daily, leave your name with Miss Butler.

Left - Right - Forward - MARCH

Organized hikes will begin next week under the direction of Philip B. Wilcox, hike leader. Treks will include a few warm-ups along Brandy Brook and up to Widow's Clearing. We feel it only fair that you should know that both of these are misnomers that there is no brandy in the brook nor widow in the clearing. Other short jaunts will be taken to Fire Tower Hill, the Reservoir, Gilmore Meadow, and Clark's Clearing. Semi-strenuous hikes to Silent Cliff, Bailey's Falls, Lake Pleiad, and Texas Falls will get you in trim for the rugged over-night hike to, but not over, Camel's Hump.

Library Notice

To save our librarians from chronic cases of laryngitis, we wish to make a blanket, or rather, a book statement:

- 1) Course books may be taken for three days.
- 2) Novels, books on the General shelf, and books in the Wilfred Davison collection may be signed out for a week.
- 3) Books that have been placed on Reserve may be had for shorter periods, determined by the demand.
- 4) Magazines may be removed overnight.
- 5) Books in the autographed collection remain under lock and key, but you may view them at closer range by making a few ingratiating remarks to Miss French or Miss Petitt, keepers of the keys.

Silence, Please!

May we ask all Bread Loafers to be considerate about not playing ping pong or tennis or making undue noise when a lecture or program is in progress in the Little Theatre.

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July 2, 1946

Future Attractions

Mr. Erie Volkert has announced that if possible there will be a dramatic attraction scheduled for every Friday evening for the duration.

The first production of the Bread Loaf Little Theatre will be given this Friday evening. The program is to be a dramatic reading by Professor Volkert of O'Neill's "Emperor Jones", followed by a one-man show by Douglas Mendel of "Life with Father".

Meeting for Hikers

All those interested in the hikes previewed in Vol. 27 - no. 2 are asked to meet in the Blue Parlor this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to discuss plans with Mr. Wilcox, the hike leader.

The first hike will come off tomorrow, to Brandy Brook and Brook's Clearing.

Shampoo Specials

Several requests have come in for the traditional Bread Loaf Shampoo Specials. Anyone interested should sign at the Inn desk.

In the past, the days when Bread Loafers have given themselves over to the Inquisition of bobby pins and friers have been Tuesdays and Saturdays. Taxis are on twenty minute call.

Library

Any willing soul with a car and a trip to Middlebury in the offing could win a mythical merit badge by communicating with one of the librarians prior to the trip. The demand for books to be transported from the Middlebury College Library to Bread Loaf is constant, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

The library will be closed during the evening lectures but will be open before and after the programs.

Mrs. Martha Byrd Porter, one of the "old guard" at Bread Loaf, has donated her recent book "Straight Down a Crooked Lane" to the library. You will be especially interested in reading her chapter on Bread Loaf, "Vacations Are Made in Heaven".

Snack Bar

The Barn's popular Snack Bar will be open during the following hours:

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sundays

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed during the evening

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July 3, 1946

Tryouts

This afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. and this evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m. tryouts will be held for the cast of "Hands Across the Sea" and "No, Not the Russians". All those interested in the first two plays, or any others, are urged to try out. Plays for the following weeks will be chosen from among: "Day's End" by Benet, "The Romancers" by Rostand, "Theatre of the Soul", "Warrior's Husband" and a final program of Robert Frost's "Masque of Reason" and "The Hill Wife" (series of three poems)

Director's Office Hours

Professor Cook's office hours will be weekdays from 8:30 to 12:00, 1:30 to 2:30, and 6:30 to 7:00. It is not always possible for him to be present at these hours, but appointments may be made by Miss Becker, Secretary of the Bread Loaf School.

Lecture Forecast

For your convenience, so that you may plan your summer's studying around the evening entertainment, we list below the dates for lectures and musical events:

- July 8, Monday, Arthur K. Healy: On American Art
- July 15, Monday, Theodore Spencer: The Present Situation in Modern Poetry
- July 18, Thursday, Edward Weeks: Lecture
- July 23, Tuesday, String Quartet
- July 25, Thursday, Mrs. Helen Hartness Flanders and Ballad Singers
- July 29, Monday, String Quartet

Taxi Refunds

About four more people who are entitled to refunds on the trip to church made last Sunday have not yet called for their money at the Inn Desk.

Milton Wanted

Anyone desiring to sell a copy of "The Student's Milton" by Patterson is urged to communicate with Miss Virginia Cruikshank.

Riding Horses Stage Walkout

Our three horses available for riding walked out of their stalls this morning and rose and twitch'd their Mantles blew/ Today to fresh Woods and Pastures new. Members of the local branch of the C.I.O. (Colt Independents Organization) and the A.F.L. (American Filly League) respectively, they were staging a demonstration in protest against the apparent indifference of Bread Loaf's equestrians. Since then, they have been lured back to their places with the promise that someone will surely come today to take them for a run.

See Mr. Herrschaft at the Inn Desk for the rates.

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Happy Fourth of July

No one to note it, scarcely a stir
Except in the hemlocks, the pines or fir;
No one to shoot off a popgun or pistol;
In fact there is scarcely even a whistol.
We've noted the day, at any rate;
Now all we can say is, "Go cerebrate."

Rehearsal

Rehearsals for the first two plays will begin in the Little Theatre tonight from 8:30 to 10:00. All cast members and stage managers please be prompt.

Announcement

All her Bread Loaf friends will be sorry to hear that Miss Jessie Frothingham, on her way to the train for Bread Loaf, fell and cracked her hip. If they wish to write her, the address is: St. Juke's Hospital; Scrinzer Building, Room 5729; New York City.

Secretary's Office Hours

Miss Becker will be in her office from 10:30 to 12:30 a.m. and from 4:45 to 5:45 pm. except on Saturday and Sunday.

Hike Notice

Tomorrow afternoon there will be a hike to Lake Pleiad. Please meet at two in front of the Inn. Departure will be by car and truck. Bring bathing suits if you are hardy, or even if you are emerson or thoreau.

Lost

A cigarette lighter monogrammed with "T" has disappeared. Finder please return to Dr. Thompson.

Book Store

It will not be necessary for people who wish to make only one purchase at the store, namely the daily paper, to stand in the queue that acqueuemulates twice daily, provided they have the necessary nickel handy.

Three copies of the Modern Library edition of Milton have arrived. Walk, do not run to the nearest exit.

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Tonight at 8:30

The first show of the season will be presented at the Little Theatre tonight at 8:30: Professor Eric Volkert in a reading of "Emperor Jones" and Douglas Mendel in "Life with Father".

All dramatic performances for the season will begin at 8:30 instead of 8:00 to give night a chance to fall before the curtain rises.

Dry Cleaning Service

We have a Middlebury dry cleaning establishment providing twice a week service at Bread Loaf. Articles will be picked up Wednesday and Saturday mornings. This is a three day service. Articles left Wednesday will be returned on the next trip.

Charges for this service will be collected at the Inn desk. Articles to be cleaned should have the owner's name attached and should be left at the desk not later than 9:00 a.m. of the collection day.

Attention, Car Owners

Mr. Johnson informs us that available parking areas are being extended to the lawns, at the lawns' expense. Please limit parking of cars to the areas assigned.

Hikers Alerted

Those taking the hike to Pleiad today are reminded to be ready at the front of the Inn by two o'clock.

The cars will deposit you at Middlebury Gap, just a short twenty minute sprint from the lake. There the group will divide: the huskies going on for the half hour climb to the Lookout, the swimmers plunging into the coolth of the water.

Mr. Wilcox suggests that a third group, non-walkers, non-hikers, non-swimmers might come along with books, just for the ride and the scenery.

Softball Game

A student-faculty aggregation will vie with a staff-help team, Sunday afternoon at a sharp three o'clock. The game will be held on the parking lot; so it would be advisable for all car owners using that space and cherishing their car windows to beat the retreat hasty prior to the starting hour.

Library

"Books for Dr. Thompson's Novel courses may be kept out for only five days due to the large demand," quoth Miss Dorothy French when interviewed by the Press this morning.

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Swing Your Partner

Miss Florence Owens has offered to teach us barn and country dances so that more of us may enjoy The Barn Dance, August 3. As superintendent of physical education in the elementary schools of Duluth, Minnesota, she has had considerable experience. All who are interested are urged to go to the Barn at 7:30 on Saturday nights, ready for a hoe-down.

Sunday Services

Don't forget to sign for taxi service if you intend to attend church service at Middlebury tomorrow.

There will be a Meeting after the manner of Friends (Quakers) on the far corner of the lawn west of the Inn, Sunday mornings at ten. All who would like to join in this manner of worship are welcome.

The regular Bread Loaf Vesper service will be held in the Little Theatre tomorrow night at 7:30, Rev. J. Parker Ward, pastor of the Methodist church conducting.

Forecast

Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Barn there will be an informal gathering of those interested in hearing about early Bread Loaf lore. Mrs. Elinor DeWitt will chat about the pre-English School days and welcome all questions.

Crow Collapses (or Don't Fence Me In)

(1)

The Upson's crow that used to swoop
Upon us without warning.
Refused to leave the family group
And died one wintry morning

(2)

He wouldn't go when other crows
Went southward in formation
Why not? The heaven only knows
His ratiocination.

(3)

The chicken coop became his home
But he could see no reason
Why he should not be let to roam,
However cold the season

(4)

One night he fled his prison cops,
Though it was bleakly blowing,
And roosted in the bare tree tops
Albeit it was snowing.

(5)

Next morning when, at end of chase,
He'd lost his manner frisky,
They put him in the warmest place
And fed him on good Whiskey.

(6)

Alas! Alack! to no avail;
Let's not attempt to duck it;
He squawked a last corporeal wail
And promptly kicked the bucket.

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July 8, 1946

Lecture Tonight

Mr. Arthur Healy, Artist in Residence at Middlebury College, will lecture tonight in the Little Theatre on the subject "American Art". Starting time is 8:00 p.m.

Lost

A small gold ring, consisting of an opal surrounded by diamonds, was lost somewhere on the lawn behind the Little Theatre between the tennis courts and the East side of the Inn or between the Inn and Tamarack. Finder, please return it to the Inn desk or to the owner, Frances Matthai.

Swimmers, Beware

Lake Pleiad, which is bottomless in some parts, is not safe for swimmers. We want no casualties to mar the pleasure of this summer. Please follow Professor Cook's suggestion that swimmers use Brandy Brook and not Pleiad.

Notice To Graduates

All those whose great expectations include graduation on August 10 are reminded to sign their names, exactly as they wish to have them on their diplomas, on the list on the Bulletin Board. Mr. John Milton, listed there as one of the hopefuls, is to be available for autographs at the regular Book Store hours today on the first cloud above the Little Theatre. Rocket ships are on twenty second call.

Library

Will all people signing out books be sure to include the first initial, the last name in full, and the date?

Request

Please do not remove any blankets from the rooms. Several stray blankets have been found on the premises, scarcely improved by their exposure to the elements.

Soft Ball Summary

With the Clark 'n Larkin battery, the faculty-student team opened the 1946 season by smearing the kitchen-help crew with a score of 10 - 1. "Slugger" Stewart starred for the Bread Loaf Braves by stealing a triple, a double, and a single to put the team out front. "Mauler" MacLean drove in two runs with his long home-run drive which headed for Bread Loaf Mountain. Keith (The Cat) Clark, ace flinger for the Braves, fanned sixteen batters from the Kitchen Kadets. Both teams will meet again next Sunday at the Breadcrust Bowl for a return engagement.

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Hike Notice

Weather permitting, there will be a hike this afternoon to Widow's Clearing and Clark's Clearing. This is a long, strenuous hike, lasting from three to four hours. Those with sufficient stamina to endure the strain will leave the Inn promptly at 1:45 and return at 5:45.

Reminder

Don't forget that Mrs. Elinor DeWitt will be in the Barn at 7:30 this evening to talk to you about life at the old Bread Loaf Inn under Mr. Battell's regime.

Snack-Bar Hours

The following changes have been made in the Snack-Bar hours:

<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Sundays</u>
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	9:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Library

A copy of McDowell's "Folk Dances of Tennessee" appears to be missing in action. Please report any clues about its whereabouts to either librarian.

Blue Parlor Exhibit

There is a display of Audio-Visual Education aids in the Blue Parlor today. This is composed chiefly of classroom recordings, dramatizations of English classics for junior and senior high, but there are also a few samples of film projectors and portable phonographs.

Fire Drill

At some time during the next few days the Fire Siren will sound. Will you please be prepared for this drill by checking the exits and fire extinguishers in all the rooms that you frequent?

When the siren sounds, come out, come out, wherever you are. Walk; do not run to the nearest exit. Go in "single files, not in battalions", but be sure that no one remains inside any of the buildings on campus.

In view of the recent devastating fires, we feel that the impending practice should, in the interests of longevity, be treated without levity.

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Ballad Class

The Barn is to be reserved this evening from 7:15 to 9:00 for members of Mr. Davidson's Ballad class. All those who have taken this course in previous years and faculty members are also welcome.

Dramatic Schedule Altered

A change has been made in the dramatic schedule for the summer of which there will be two main programs, July 19 and August 2. The two one-act plays scheduled for this Friday ("Hands Across the Sea" and "No! NOT the Russians") will be given a week from Friday instead, and the final program of Robert Frost's dramatic poetry in play form will be done on Friday, August 2.

Hike Notice

The target for tomorrow's hikers will be Silent Cliff, with a view of such beauty that your camera is a "must" (unless you like a Leica). Departure will be from the Inn porch at 8:00 p.m.

This weekend there will be an overnight hike to Kellington Mountain, lasting from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon. It is important that you sign for this immediately on the bulletin board if you plan to go.

Meal Hours

The revised meal hours are as follows:

	<u>Workdays</u>	<u>Saturdays and Sundays</u>
Breakfast	7:30	8:00
Lunch	12:45	1:00
Dinner	6:00	6:00

Attention, Seniors

Seniors are asked to meet in the Blue Parlor at 4:30 p.m. today.

Call For CRUMB Contributions (To Be Sung)

I'm Chiquita, the CRUMB girl, and I'm here to say THE CRUMB has ceased to rapen in the same old way. If you have an inspiration, won't you pass it on, before I buy my ticket for The Great Beyond? You can put it in a ballad; you can put it in a pie-eye. Anything you choose to serve up, anything to keep my nerve up. Mañana's CRUMBS depend upon your very, very topical inflaters, or they will perish like Bananas in the refrigerators. No, no, no, no!

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July 11, 1946

Library

Copies of the Dedication of the Wilfred Davison Memorial Library, July 21, 1930, may be secured from the table in the library.
Also available for anyone interested are copies of the magazine "Furioso", summer issue of 1941.

Tennis

People desiring a court for a specific time should sign on the schedule appearing on the back stop. Tennis shoes MUST be worn. Do NOT wear heeled shoes. A notice will be placed on the back stop at any time when the courts are not in playable condition.

Lost

Last Friday morning a navy blue wool suit jacket was lost. Please return it to the Inn Desk.

Typewriters Wanted

Several requests have come in for rental typewriters. Anyone willing to lend his typewriter for a nominal fee is asked to report to the Inn Desk.

Book Store

The Middlebury Press Books: "Stops, a Handbook of Punctuation", "Bread Loaf Book of Plays", "Footpath in the Wilderness", "Vermont Chap Book", and three small volumes of poetry by former Bread Loafers are now available.
Anyone desiring to order more Robert Frost books is asked to sign at the store.
Our limited supply of maple candies is now on sale.

Atlantic Scholarship, 1946

Mr. Robert Belhof, of the Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, is this year's Atlantic Monthly Scholarship winner. His instructor, Miss Juliet Reeve, is also in residence here this summer, in accordance with the terms of the contest.
His prize-winning poem "Letter to Paul and Anna Aschenbach" we herewith print, with the author's kind permission.

"Love is your question; what the liquid is,
How to drink it, what its power does,
How it can be held, is wisdom kin to it,
How should one regard its brother hate.
Love is your subject; where it can be found,
Whether to kneel or stand, what gifts to send.

Often I walk within the luminous night,
 Observe the stars wheel on twinkling feet,
 See an old moon glitter on the vibrant river
 And feel quick winds that make grasses quiver;
 Lie silent as a log upon the bank
 While twigs above me tentacle night's lake,
 While subtle night-sounds populate the air
 Till edge of beauty grows too keen to bear.
 Then it is that I must shut my eyes
 Since love, the miracle touch of alchemy,
 Does not suffuse the breeze, the owl's call,
 To make complete this climax of the soul,
 Like crown of wave breaking fast and white,
 A poem's perfect phrase, or the arrow's flight.

Whether much of use may be discovered
 From such old instances from the mind's cupboard
 Is hard to say, but it is true that love
 Is easier to think about in the negative.
 Take love at its simplest and most direct--
 That jacent plunder which holds, like poetry,
 A touch of beast, of human and of deity;
 Of lean-muscle stallions wild with mare,
 Of man with his strange syllabic tongue and ear,
 Yet even here, those who know can never send
 A diagram to an anthropologist
 Or delve it more than a welcome week-end guest.

But what can be said of the devious sum
 Of the topic love and hate and love and wisdom?
 Love is like anything from Zymurgy to Archives
 And is smoral until touched by motive.
 Love is that which gives the warfield over
 To the most ardent and most potent lovers
 Till we and the enemy grow shamefaced at
 Our love-killed Romeos and Juliets.
 Love is that which drives a thief to murder,
 A lad to slowly crack his gentle mother,
 A sickened man to labor in the fields,
 A pauper to ignore the drive for gold,
 A saint to understand the sinner, bent
 In the acute angle of conscience and event.
 Hate may be changed to love's most supple weapon.
 The trick is turned by love, which wisdom may deepen.
 What may not be won by hate, is had by seduction,
 And what may not be seduced is gained by affection,
 And what is conquered by love is held by wisdom.
 It looks uncomplicated, put on paper,
 Easy to work as scissors or a bell's clapper.
 But love is an art, and some, like you, are born
 Genius to its cool and sweet concern,
 While others exist within the purgatory
 Of indifference and lack of worry.

But some, but some, whirl in a hell of self
 While love waits somewhere on an unreachable shelf."

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Lecture Tonight

Dr. Wolfgang Stechow, Professor of Fine Arts at Oberlin College since 1940, is a lecturer at the German School this summer. He is a distinguished concert pianist and his recital-lecture: Mozart as a Piano Composer is one not to be missed. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

Hike Notice

The Silent Cliff hikers will leave today at 2:00, weather willing.

Unless more interest is shown in the overnight hike, scheduled for tomorrow, it will be necessary to cancel it. We are asked to remind you that you will return to Bread Loaf by 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

Suggestion

Miss Catherine Rourke, who was seriously injured in a fall on the flagstones outside the Little Theatre, has many long and lonely hours of convalescence ahead. It has been suggested that many of you might wish to contribute to a fund that would be used for the purchase of some cheer engenderers: books, flowers, or fruit. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Wilkinson.

Atlantic Scholarship, 1945

Last year's winner of the Atlantic Monthly Scholarship award, Mr. Frangcon L. Jones, of the University of New Hampshire, was unable to attend Bread Loaf because the government needed him elsewhere. His winning story "One Hundred Years Too Soon", chosen from 155 stories submitted, may be read in the copy of the Atlantic Contest Supplement for 1945, now in the library. He also received first honorable mention for his poem "Man at the Top" in the same contest.

Mr. Jones has done undergraduate work in a pre-medical course, graduate study in Bacteriology and English, and ordnance work during the war. At present he is an instructor in English at the University of New Hampshire. His interests, other than literary, include the violin, flying, and a 9 month old daughter who, he says, "insists on being more and better poems than I can put down." We are happy to have him at Bread Loaf this summer.

Quiet, Please

It, after eleven, you still feel like creeping
Around in your room while your neighbors are sleeping,
Don't break out in laughter or bang on the floor,
For somebody near you is trying to snore.

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Barn Dance Tonight

At 7:30 this evening the second Barn Dance Practice Session will get under way, at the Barn.

Vespers

Tomorrow evening in the Little Theatre at 7:30, Rev. Harry H. Jones, Rector of St. Stephens Episcopal church, will conduct the Vespers.

Hike Notice

We are definitely in a rut. For the third consecutive day we announce that there will be a hike to Silent Cliff this afternoon, departure hour 2:00.

Welcome to Bread Loaf

Bread Loaf welcomes Mr. Theodore Spencer, who will be our lecturer on Monday evening.

Soft Ball Game

At 3:00 p.m. tomorrow the Breadcrust Bowl will be the scene of a return engagement of the soft ball enthusiasts, the Bread Loaf Brawlers contending against the Ripton Raiders.

Dining Room Notice

In response to the many requests to choose your own table companions, we are instituting a new policy. Starting today and continuing throughout the session, you may sit wherever you like for the Saturday meals and the Sunday morning breakfasts.

Open House Day

Next Tuesday from 3:00 to 6:00, the League of Women Voters of Middlebury is sponsoring what is known as Open House Day or "Inside Middlebury". (Attention: John Gunther). Twelve houses of distinction and historical interest will be open to the public. Tickets (\$.66, tax included) may be obtained from Gove Studio, 72 Main Street or from Mrs. Cook.

Bread Loaf Boy Makes Good

Lysander (Doc) Kemp, who was here in 1941 and 1942, has just had published his first book of poems "The Northern Stranger" (Random House:\$2.00).

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Catherine Rourk

We regret to inform you that Miss Catherine Rourk died suddenly at 2:30 this morning in the Mary Fletcher Hospital at Burlington. The immediate cause of her death was a pulmonary embolus.

An operation for a fractured knee cap had been performed successfully Saturday, July 13 by a New York orthopedic surgeon, and her condition was apparently fine until about 2:15 this morning.

Bread Loaf extends deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Evening Lecture

At 8:00 tonight in the Little Theatre Mr. Theodore Spencer will speak to us on the subject: The Present Situation in Modern Poetry.

Saturday Class Session

Classes will meet next Saturday, July 20 in order to make it possible to advance the final course examinations to Thursday, August 8, and Friday, August 9. This plan will enable the faculty members to have more time in which to correct seniors' examination papers before the graduation exercises, and will also lessen considerably the difficulties arising from student departures.

Status of Auditors

It is expected that those who are enrolled as Auditors will sit in the rear of the classrooms and will not participate in the class discussions unless invited to do so by the instructor.

Blue Parlor Exhibit

The Carriage House Studio of Arlington, Vermont will have a display of cards and photographs tomorrow in the Blue Parlor.

Rehearsals Scheduled

Rehearsal for "Hands Across the Sea" will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre today. Rehearsal for the second play is slated for 4:00.

Battell's Birthday

Today is the anniversary of Mr. Joseph Battell's birthday. He was born July 15, 1839.

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July 16, 1946

Photographic Exhibit

Don't forget to visit the Blue Parlor today to see Mr. Rugg's exhibit of pictures and cards.

Miss Bookstore Requests

Will the following G. I's. please come to the Book Store today: Jack Baldwin, Le Roy Dangler, Arthur Day, George King, Donald Roberts, James Stewart, Zelma Stokes, Caroline Allen, and George W. Allen? We assure you the purpose of this request is purely licit.

Four lists are now on the Bulletin Board outside the Book Store so that you may sign for the Robert Frost books and Miss Drew's "Directions in Modern Poetry" if you wish to place an order.

All who purchased copies of "Ethan Frome", exclusive of the G. I's., are urged to come to the Book Store today, totting \$.48. You were undercharged for that amount.

Those who have ordered copies of the daily papers to be saved for them are urged to pick up their copies each day.

Picnic Supper

Tomorrow evening there will be a picnic supper at Texas Falls. The truck will leave the Inn at 5:00 and return at about 7:00. No walking is involved, to quote the hike leader; however, this does not necessarily constitute a guaranty of stretcher service. Transportation and food will be provided. Sign-up sheets are on the Bulletin Board outside the Dining Room. If you wish to go, you must sign by 8:00 tonight. Only fifty people can be accommodated; so do not delay. Place your order for chilblains today.

Request

Will the person who borrowed the pack of red bridge cards return them to the office or call for the blue ones. You are inadvertently creating a bottleneck in an important Bridge tourney.

J. Upon Ups and Dows

"Sunday's softball game, waged between The Ripton Raiders and The Bread Loaf Brawlers, was a great success for our home team. Scores: 17-9. Pitching for Bread Loaf, Mr. Volmert displayed the true Bread Loaf spirit as well as a great deal of skill with the leather sphere. Judging the battle was the Hon. H. G. Herrschaft. We are sure all decisions were on a high plane! We of the staff and the faculty hope to get another crack at the victors of the latest event. Long Live The Bread Loaf Brawlers!"

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July 17, 1946

Barn Reserved Tonight

An extra session of the Ballad course will be held tonight from 8:00 - 9:00 in the Barn, for members only.

Request

Please refrain from playing the piano in the Barn during the morning while classes are being held in the adjoining rooms.

Dining Room Announcement

Dinner is being served this noon. This evening's meal is to be a buffet supper, served near the Little Theatre during the regular dinner hour.

Teacher Placement

Occasionally letters concerning teaching positions come to the Director's office. Professor Cook will be pleased to discuss these opportunities with teachers now in residence at Bread Loaf.

Lost

A black and gold pencil has been lost between the Inn and Brandy Brook. Please return it to the Inn desk or to the owner, Erwin Palmer.

Anonymous Contribution

(1)

Come all of you from other parts,
Both city folk and rural,
And listen while I tell you this:
The word "you-all" is plural.

(3)

If I should say to Hiram Jones,
For instance, "You-all's lazy,"
Or "Will you-all lend me your knife?"
He'd think that I was crazy.

(5)

Don't think I mean to criticise,
Or act as if I knew all;
But when we speak of one alone
We-all say "you" like you-all.

(2)

When we say "you-all come down,
Or we-all shall be lonely,
We mean a dozen folks, perhaps,
And not one person only.

(4)

Now if you'd be more sociable,
And with us often mingle,
You'd find that in the native tongue
"You-all" is never single.

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July 18, 1946

Lecture Tonight

At 8:00 tonight Mr. Edward Weeks will give a lecture in the Little Theatre on the subject: Books Out of Uniform.

Address List

At your places this noon are the address list blanks. Be sure to fill them out before you leave the Dining Room and leave them with Mrs. Herrschaft.

Hike Notice

Two hikes are coming up, one today and the other tomorrow, the departure hour in both cases being 2:00 p.m. Thursday's jaunt is for the more rugged of our Rover Boys and Girls, while Friday's is intended for Strollers.

Rehearsal Scheduled

Those in the cast of "Hands across the Sea" are asked to be in the Little Theatre today at 4:00 p.m.

Lost

A pair of Polaroid sunglasses was lost on the tennis court, probably near Court I. Please return them to the Inn Desk.

Examination Schedule

So many requests have come in for the Exam schedule that we print it here in full:

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a.m.

The Teaching of Literature
Modern Drama
Survey of American Literature

2:00 p.m.

Understanding Poetry
Victorian Poets
Modern British and American Poetry
Modern English Novel

Friday, August 9

Curriculum and Methods
American Ballads, Folk Songs and
Folk Tales
Shakespeare
Modern American Novel

Play Production
Emerson, Thoreau, and Hawthorne
Milton

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July 19, 1946

Tonight at 8:30

The long awaited plays "Hands across the Sea" and "No Not the Russians" will be given tonight at 8:30 in the Little Theatre.

Flowers for Miss Rourk

A check for \$25 has been sent to a florist in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, ordering four bouquets of flowers to be sent at weekly intervals to the family of Miss Catherine Rourk. We hope that those who contributed to the fund will approve of this arrangement.

Dorset Players

Arrangements are under way to have the Dorset Players come to Bread Loaf for the performance of "Hedda Gabler". Definite information will be available in a day or two. In case this is impossible, further instructions will be given about tickets, transportation, and dinner.

We have tickets now at Bread Loaf for all the people who signed up and are promised more for others who would like to go, provided the transportation problem can be solved. All those who did not sign up and now wish to attend are urged to leave their names with Miss Becker by tonight. The tickets will be distributed at some time next week.

Anne Lee, a member of the Lunt's cast in the current production "O Mistress Mine", will play the lead.

Address List

Any who failed to make out the address list blanks at your places yesterday noon are asked to sign on the Bulletin Board outside the Book Store today.

Less Noise

The cast and crew for this evening's performance request that all rioters, ball players, and choristers not attending the plays remove themselves and their clamor to the corner most remote from the Little Theatre. The Thespians wish to be the sole custodians of sound effects.

Unclaimed Letter

Will the person expecting a letter from P. Loewenstein, 2921 7th Street, Washington, D. C. please call for it at the Secretary's office?

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July 20, 1946

Barn Dance Lesson

Tonight at 7:30 in the Barn the novices will be given a lesson in the Cowboy Schottische.

Vespers

Sunday evening, starting at 7:15, Miss Margaret Armstrong and Miss Millicent Bolling will present an hour of music in the Little Theatre.

Ripton Church Service

There will be a church service at the Ripton Church, Sunday at 11 a.m. Anyone who wishes to attend will be most welcome.

Tryouts for Next Plays

Tryouts for the second and final dramatic production, Robert Frost's "Hill Wife" and "A Masque of Reason" will be held Monday, July 22 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Copies of the scripts will be available at the Library from 1:30 today until 1:30 Monday.

Everyone at Bread Loaf is invited to try out for this premiere of the dramatic poetry of the "Godfather of Bread Loaf".

Play Production Plaudit

Diligent drudges, behind the front lines, who helped keep last evening's performance "on target" are:

Stage Managers: Frances Cady, Anne Erickson

Construction and Painting: Mary Ann Evans, Angela Faso, Florence Klumpp, Georgia McKenney, Margaret Napper, Dorothy Rupp, Jeanne Shattuck, Doris Weber, Maizie Weil, and Margaret Wheeler

Lighting: Georgianna Camp, Claire Evans, and Malcolm Keddy

Sound: Eleanor Fowler

Costumes and Makeup: Ruth Eismann, Dorothy Potter, Phyllis Reeve, Dorothy Rupp, and Maizie Weil

Properties: Mary Ann Evans and Jeanne Shattuck

Softball Prediction

Today's game is planned for 4 p.m., Staff Stalwarts vs. Student Sturdies, with Phil Wilcox pitching for the Staff and either Modara or Volkert for the Students.

Sunday at 3 p.m. the Brawlers and Raiders will toss in the B. L. Salad Bowl, with Keith Clark at the ladle for the Brawlers.

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Discussion of Poetry

This afternoon at 4:00 in the Little Theatre there will be an informal discussion of poetry, led by Mr. Frost. The talk will involve the problems of poetic writing rather than the works of specific poets.

It would assure a more successful session if those who attend would participate freely in the discussion.

Tryouts Tonight

From 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre tonight, the tryouts for Robert Frost's "Hill Wife" and "Masque of Reason" will be held.

Notice of Transcripts

All those who wish transcripts of this summer's work are to sign on the Bulletin Board near the Director's Office, stating what kind of transcript they wish. The first transcript for a single summer's work is free; additional ones are \$.50 each.

A more complete record, covering several years at Bread Loaf is \$1.00.

Be sure to state where you wish to have the transcript sent.

It will be appreciated if you will pay the fee promptly, for the list is not sent to the Registrar until all the money is in.

Attention, Juniors

If you have accrued 12 credits towards graduation, including those pending for 1946, sign on the Bulletin Board near the Director's Office.

A transcript of your undergraduate record should be sent to Mr. J. R. Scobie, Registrar, Middlebury College. A transcript of credits to be transferred from other institutions of L'arnin should also be sent him at this time.

Be sure to stop at the Secretary's Office to fill out the application for graduate credit at Bread Loaf.

Barn Reserved

Tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 the members of Mr. Dighton's Understanding Poetry class will meet in the Barn for their extra session.

Snack Bar Changes Hours

Weekday evening hours for the Snack Bar have been changed. Hereafter, your appetites may be appeased from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. during the week or from 9:30 to 10:00 Sundays.

In Re: Dorset Trip

All who intend to drive to Dorset to see "Hedda Gabler" are requested to sign on the Bulletin Board, listing the names of their passengers. Please sign at once.

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July 23, 1946

String Quartet

Tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre, the Middlebury College String Quartet will give a recital of selections from the works of Haydn, Scarlatti, and Franck.

Picnic Supper

Tomorrow at 4:30 the trucks will leave the Inn Porch: destination, Cascades on Mt. Moosalamoo (el. 2,659 feet). Sign-up sheets are now on the Bulletin Board outside the Dining Room.

Since we've been poring over this information, we've been pondering the derivation of that name, Moosalamoo. Our best conclusion is that the original female progenitor of the moose now roaming the rocks was frightened by a cow: result, a line of moose with a moo. But should we, when discussing the subject before the next meeting of The Elks, say, "Thar's moos in them thar moose," or "Thar's moose in them thar moos"? We are confused. And you?

Lost

A black leather covered Ronson lighter was left on a table at the Barn last Friday night. Will the finder please return same to the Inn Desk?

Singing Practice

A group of the ballageers in Mr. Davidson's course in Ballads plans to meet in the Barn at 2:00 this afternoon to sing selections from "The Sacred Harp".

Contributor's Column

Friends' Meeting

Slow rain falls. All sound -
Sharp snarl, jangled cries, swelling roar -
Here lies drowned.

Slow fire burns. All light -
Flicker, glare, holocaust - in this glow
Sinks from sight.

Slow peace falls. All stress -
Grief, brittle pride, gray fears - lost
In selflessness.

Hazel Poole

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July 24, 1946

Dorset Trip

On the Bulletin Board outside the Director's Office there are two sign-up sheets: one, for those with cars to list their names and the names of their passengers; and the other, for those who need transportation. We are attempting to charter a bus if one is needed and would appreciate having both lists complete and accurate to facilitate the arrangements.

Problem Number Two concerns food. The Inns at Dorset will be unable to accommodate us. Therefore, you will A) arrange to have dinner at 1) Rutland, 2) Wallingford, or 3) Manchester (7 miles below Dorset) at a) The Equinox House, b) The Manchester Inn, or c) The Worthy Inn; or B) Sign on the Bulletin Board outside the Director's Office to have a picnic lunch boxed at Bread Loaf for you.

Tickets for the performance will not be on sale until a later date to be announced in THE CRUMB.

Attention, G. I's.

During the morning, August 7 and 8, a representative of the Veteran's Administration will be at Bread Loaf to help the G. I's. prepare their papers for their next educational port of embarkation.

Please make your appointments in advance with Miss Becker.

Library Notice

When returning a book to its place on the shelf, make sure that you have deposited it in its rightful place alphabetically. Your colleagues will be collectively and diurnally grateful.

Book Store

If you intend to purchase any more textbooks this summer, it would be appreciated if you would do so "in the immediate". Very soon now we shall be returning the unsold copies to the publishers to obtain our rebates.

Be Kind to Your Fine Waiter-Friend or Don't Fence Him In

Oh, please be kind, when you've dined, to the one who waits on you;

Don't fence him in.

Every morn he's forlorn when he sees you waiting, too;

Don't fence him in.

He has to pass to a class, just as any other;

Lingering at breakfast makes him cry for Mother;

Bridge the gaps; he is, perhaps, somebody's brother;

Don't fence him in.

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July 25, 1946

Ballad Singers

Mrs. Helen Hartness Flanders, authority on the Vermont folk-song and ballad, is bringing two ballad singers with her this evening: Mr. Davis of Milton, Vermont and Mr. Moses of Orford, New Hampshire. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

Hoi-Polloi Show

Don't miss the colossal, stuPEndous collection of laughs to be served up at the Hoi-Polloi show: Little Theatre, tomorrow night.

Sacred Harp Singing

There will be another session of the Bread Loaf Balladeers in the Barn this afternoon at 3:00.

Week-end Forecast

Those who like to plan their lives well into time future may welcome this pre-view of this week-end's moments in the rose-garden:

Saturday afternoon: Hayride to the Ripton Fair (\$.25)
Supper at six in Ripton (\$.75)

Sunday, 2:30 p.m. : Dedication of Memorial Park, Ripton
Speakers: Mr. Upson, Mr. Frost, and
Mr. Stephen Billings

Overnight Hike

There will be an overnight hike this week-end to Sucker Brook Lodge. (There will be a slight pause in the reading here while you have your fun with that one.) Details will be on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

Owed to the Snack Bar

See that empty Coke bottle a-lying on the lawn?
It means that Mrs. Haseltine's accounts are overdrawn,
For profit on each bottle is but five-sixths of a cent;
Yet her books are charged with two cents for each bottle that has
went.

It wouldn't change her mind if you were Kant or Aristotle;
You'd still be asked to comprehend her need for every bottle.
So, help decrease her nightmares, frightful with phantasmagory,
By restoring all the "empties" to her muddled inventory.

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July 26, 1946

Ahoy, Hoi Polloi

Don't forget Bread Loaf's Big Laugh Buster, the Hoi Polloi show, tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre.

Barn Dance Tomorrow Night

The real hoe-down for which you have been practicing on successive Saturdays is at long last upon us. Save tomorrow evening for the one-and-a-two-and-a-promenade-all.

Dorset Trip

Alas, but we have accommodations for only sixty people on the bus to Dorset. We are sorry to have to disappoint the last twenty or so signees. An early dinner will be served at 5:30 Saturday, August 3. Buses will leave at 6:00. Those who prefer to have box lunches put up for them may now sign the appropriate list on the Bulletin Board outside the Director's office. Tickets for the performance will be sold the first of next week.

Library Missing in Action List

You are asked to communicate any information you may have concerning the whereabouts of the following, all A.W.O.L., to either of the Library's M. P's. Said recalcitrants are: DeVane, "A Browning Handbook; James, "Ambassadors"; and Mr. Zahner's copy of "Practical Criticism" by Richards.

Tam'rack (Me Shack) A-bed We Go (Sing to tune of "Tavern in our Town", as if you didn't know)

There is a cottage on our downs,
On our downs,
Where students nightly sit them down,
Sit them dow-ow-own,
Where everything's as quiet as can be;
Oh, Tamarack's the place for me.
For me!

Do not lift your nose from out your book,
Or someone's bound to give The Look;
Remember, this is Tamarack: Sad Sack,
Go Pack!

If you should join this crowd, élite,
Crowd élite,
Put Maxim silencers on feet,
On your fee-ee-eet,
And should you ever feel like making hay,
Betake your body "fur ay-way", Fur ay-way.

But metamorphosis set in,
Set way in,
And all the inmates raised a din
Raised a di-i-in;
E'en though nobody went to call a cop,
We wondered who had blown their top,
Blown their top!

Tamarack is a sensation
At a Birthday celebration,
And each member seems to have a change of heart,
Of heart.

They serenaded Endicott,
En-di-cott,
With music sweet, or was it hot?
It was no-o-ot.
That's why you don't need spectacles to see
That Tamarack's the shack for me,
Shack for me.

Book Store

We have a limited supply of Mrs. Flander's book "Vermont Folk-Songs and Ballads",
priced at \$1.50.

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July 27, 1946

Barn Dance

Preble's five piece orchestra, with Chef Joe DeGray at the piano and calling the dances, will be the main attraction at the Barn Dance in the Little Theatre tonight. Dancers will perspire between the hours of 8:30 and 12:00.

Vespers

At 7:30 tomorrow evening in the Little Theatre, Mr. Frost will give selected readings from his poetry.

Choir Practice

There will be a choir rehearsal today at 1:30 in the Little Theatre.

Address Lists

Those who didn't receive their address lists may get them from Miss Becker's office.

Soft Ball

Inasmuch as "Doc" Cook, leading batter for the Brawlers, is rumored to be heading a wholesale bolt to the Mexican League, the Bread Loaf Soft Ball season will bow out Sunday with a double-header, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Opponents will be Middlebury College and Ripton.

* Editor's Note: We don't know what this means, either.

Book Store

Those who signed for copies of Miss Drew's book "Directions in Modern Poetry" may claim same at the post-luncheon Book Store hours.

P. S. The inexpensive edition of Frost's "Collected Poems" is not available. Honorable Publishers report that it is temporarily out of stock. No word has come concerning the \$5.00 edition.

Don't forget that the Book Store is not open after dinner on Saturdays. Newspaper subscribers, take note.

Sunday Newspapers

Copies of the Sunday papers will not be saved for those who have ordered them after 2:00 p.m.

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July 29, 1946

String Quartet

At 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre the Middlebury String Quartet will play selections from Mozart and Ravel. The quartet, composed of: Edwin Ideler, 1st violin; Virginia de Blasiis, 2nd violin; Alan Carter, viola; and George Finckel, 'cello; brings with them tonight a guest artist, Mr. Edwin Sherrard, who was formerly a member of the Mc Gill String Quartet of Montreal and concertmaster of the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra.

Text Book Exhibit

A representative of Houghton Mifflin will have a display of books in the Blue Parlor today.

Hayrider's Reminder

All who went on the hayride to Ripton Saturday night are asked to pay Miss Becker \$.25 per capita at their earliest convenience.

Box Lunches

All requests for box lunches are to be made at the Inn Desk by 10 a.m. for the noon meal, 2 p.m. for the evening meal and by 6 p.m. of the previous day for breakfasts. There will be a charge of \$.50 for this service, payable on receipt of your package.

Book Store

After Wednesday of this week there will be no further sale of books, with the exception of the Middlebury Press books.

The \$5.00 edition of "Collected Poems of Robert Frost" has arrived.

Cautionary Note for Croquet Players

The Purple Wicket is being awarded to Mr. Frangcon Jones in a special ceremony on the croquet grounds this afternoon at 2:00. The service is intended to serve as a warning to all who engage in the dangerous game of croquet. To "play up and play the game" is admirable, but please, oh, please, let us not have any more people knocking themselves out in the first hot flushes of victory.

Tennis Players

Please do not sign for a court on the half hour.

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July 30, 1946

Dorset Tickets

Tickets for "Hedda Gabler" will be sold today in Miss Becker's office from 4:30-6:00. Only one member of a group that wishes to sit together should come for the tickets. Please try to have the correct change with you when you come to the Box Office (and we do mean box). Tickets are \$1.65.

It is expected now that all who signed for tickets will be able to get them.

The bus fare will be approximately \$2.60 for the round trip.

You may have dinner at Bread Loaf at 5:30; or you may order box lunches; or you may try your luck at one of the following places: Rutland, Wallingford, or Manchester (at the Manchester Inn, Worthy Inn, or the Equinox House); or you may; or you; or.....

Answer to Botanical Query

The plant with the small red berries that recently made its appearance in the library created considerable discussion concerning its identity. A student here, who shall be nameless, sent an inquiry to the Agricultural Experiment Station at Amherst and received this answer:

"The specimens received are from a plant commonly known as European Red Elder. The Latin name is Sambucus pubens, formerly Sambucus racemosa."

Hike Notice

Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:30, there will be a Picnic Supper at Bailey's Falls.

Calling All Voices

Did we say "all"? Well, practically all. We plan to have a Choir for Vespers next Sunday evening, but both men's and women's voices are needed to assist the rather small group that has volunteered. If you are interested in helping out, please be at the Little Theatre at 1:45 this afternoon.

Silver Tea

Thursday afternoon, August 1, the Faculty Wives of Middlebury College will hold a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Samuel S. Stratton from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of materials which will be made into clothes by the members of the Sewing Bee and sent abroad for foreign relief. Members of the English School are cordially invited hereby.

Houghton Mifflin Exhibit

Any similarity to an exhibit of textbooks in the Blue Parlor yesterday was purely coincidental. We apologize for having unwittingly caused you extra wear and tear on the shoe leather.

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July 31, 1946

Dorset Trip

There are still several vacancies on the bus that has been chartered for the trip to Dorset.

Tickets are also available at the Becker Box Office between the hours of 1:30- 2:00 and 5:30 - 6:00 today.

Summer Address Lists

Some copies of the Address Lists are still unclaimed. Don't fail to get yours.

Your Presence Requested

It is very important that these G. I.'s.: C. A. Baum, Peter Dufault, Charles Goodwin, Henry MacLean, and Donald Roberts check with the Book Store Battler today concerning their accounts.

Book Store

We wish to remind you that today is the last day in which book purchases may be made.

Six copies of the special order of Miss Drew's book and one of the Collected Poems of Robert Frost are as yet unclaimed. If they are not taken by their rightful owners after lunch today, they will be put on general sale after dinner tonight.

All G. I. sales will be closed tomorrow. Be sure to anticipate all your Book Store needs by that time.

Signs of a Break Up

End-of-term jitters are upon us. Our corps of mail clerks has been puzzling over this one all morning. A card which they are attempting to route is addressed to someone at Point Broozo, Angela. To coin a footnote, the writer, Angela, from being "in a state" at Bread Loaf has suffered a thought transference and added her "state" to the Union forever. Hurrah, boys, hurrah!!

Tear on the Dotted Line

Please fill out the following blanks and leave them with Mrs. Herrschaft when you make your exodus from the Dining Room after lunch today.

.....
Name(Directory style)_____

Date of Departure_____ Leaving Middlebury by_____ (bus, train)
at _____ a.m. or _____ p.m. Leaving by_____ (private car, taxi)

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August 1, 1946

Request

Twenty-eight people who signed for the Dorset trip have failed to claim their tickets. Please do so today, or, if you have decided you do not want them, let Miss Becker know so that she will be able to return the extras in time. There are seven seats left on the first bus and all seats vacant on the second. It is, therefore, imperative that you see Miss Becker to indicate whether or not you still wish to have your place saved for you. If it becomes necessary to cancel one of the buses, we must do so immediately.

Post Office Dilemma, II

A post card written Wednesday, saluting "Dear Lydia" and signed "Love, Va.", has no address. Will Va. please attend to this matter today?

Department of Ho Hum

Bread Loaf's Bureau of Statistics wishes to report the results of its 1946 census. Represented by the students enrolled here this summer are three foreign countries, twenty-nine states, the District of Columbia, and Brooklyn.

New York is the winner of the Blue Parlor Ribbon for the highest enrollment with forty-five of its sons and lovers (er, daughters, that is) present. Honorable mention goes to Massachusetts with twenty-one, Pennsylvania with fifteen, and Jew Nersey (whoops, New Jersey was what we had in mind, but it takes too long to correct an error, and anyway, there is very little copy this morning so we must drag this out even unto the third and fourth generation) with thirteen. Runners up, (or should it be runner ups?) are Connecticut with eight; New Hampshire, Maryland, and Virginia with seven; Illinois, Maine, and Michigan with six; Tennessee and Vermont with five; Washington D. C. with four; Kansas and Ohio with three; Minnesota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, Montana, Indiana, North Carolina, Oregon and Iowa with two each; and Rhode Island, California, New Mexico, Kentucky, and Florida with one.

The three good neighbors with us are Canada, Central America, and Cuba..
Editor's note: Will one of the insomniacs at each table kindly delegate himself to rousing the other guests? The food is getting as cold as our copy, about 40 below.

Seconds on Desserts

Those who are sometimes irked by not being permitted to have two desserts should know what the pastry cook and her assistant do in an average day at Bread Loaf. Well, men, this is it! You just rub two sticks of wood together and come out with this: 360 muffins, 600 rolls, 240 servings of apple crumb, 50 servings of apple sauce, and 240 portions of chocolate cake, to say nothing of the gallons of frosting and sauce. "The pastry's too much with us late and soon/Kneeding and stirring we lay waste our powers/Little we see in Kitchen that is ours/ Great God! We'd rather be/A Teacher suckled in a creed outworn/So might we, cooking in infinity/Have glimpses that would make us less forlorn/Have sight of Sugar rising from the sea/Or hear old Crisco blow his wreathed horn."

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Last Call for Dorset

Three more seats on the bus to Dorset and several tickets for "Hedda Gabler" are still available. Whatever you intend to do about either opportunity must be done by dinner tonight.

Choir Practice

At 1:30 in the Little Theatre today, there will be a rehearsal of the women's choral group.

Opening Address

Copies of Mr. Cook's address: The Spirit and Aim of the Bread Loaf Idea may be had for a "pretty please" in Miss Becker's office.

Room Reservations

Room reservations for the summer of 1947 may be made with Miss Becker Monday from 10:30 to 12:45. The present occupants of all rooms will have priority in claiming the same room for another year; so be sure to have a second or third choice ready. As far as possible, we shall attempt to assign to you the room of your choice.

Please come armed with a pen, for you will be asked to fill out an application blank for next year. We refer you to page 7 of the Bread Loaf catalogue, though it is not our intention to frighten you....not much at any rate. "The School reserves the right to request the withdrawal of a student at any time. Students are admitted for one summer only, and must reapply for admission for any succeeding summer."

Plays Tonight

At 8:30 tonight in the Little Theatre the second and final dramatic production: Robert Frost's "Hill Wife" (In the Home Stretch, Death of the Hired Man, and Fear) and "A Masque of Reason" will be given.

Commencement Addresses

Any of you who are interested in obtaining copies of Mr. Anderson's Commencement Address (1944) and Mr. Stauffer's (1942) may pick them up in Miss Becker's office.

Contributor's Column: Midges

(By a Bread Loafer)

There was a little chigger,
And it wasn't any bigger
Than the point of a very small pin.
But the bump that he raises,
Itches like blazes
And that's where the rub comes in.

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Dorset Trip

When you pick up THE CRUMB, you are sure that, of course, it
Will start with an item about dear old Dorset.
Dinner is served at 5:30 tonight;
So that those who are leaving can start on their flight.
If they don't want to miss the first speeches of Hedda,
They'd best leave by 6:00 on account of da wedda.

Ticket Cancellations

Several people who are not planning to use their tickets for the performance at Dorset tonight have offered to leave them at the Inn Desk so that anyone who would like to use them may have them for the asking.

Vespers

In place of Vespers tomorrow, the Middlebury String Quartet will play in the Little Theatre at 7:30. The concert will consist of selections from Mozart and Brahms.

Lecture Monday Night

Dr. Hermann Von Baravalle will lecture in the Little Theatre on Monday evening. Formerly connected with the Waldorf School in Stuttgart, Germany; he is now head of the mathematics department at Adelphi College.

Lost a Scarf

Slinky scarfs do slither
Willowy veils do waft,
Dropped at the Barn in a dither,
Doing without drives me daft.
'Cross its web do wander
Stripes red, black and green;
To the Inn Desk saunter
If it you have seen.

This means, in case you need a footnote, that the author has lost a scarf and needs your help in finding it.

Contributor's Column

This item, author unknown, was remembered in answer to yesterday's poem "Midges":

" If a chigger were bigger,
Say the size of a cow,
And its digger had the vigor

Of a sub-soil plough,
Please help me to figure
Where would I be now?"

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Lecture Tonight: 8:30

Mr. Baravalle, who is to be our guest lecturer this evening, is primarily interested in the education of American youth. He helped establish High Mowing School at Wilton, New Hampshire, and, at present, he is assisting in the general application of the educational principles of Rudolf Steiner. At Adelphi College, Mr. Baravalle's work is chiefly the integration of science with the curriculum. His subject this evening will be contemporary science and the Arts. Illustrated with slides, it is intended for those who have a literary interest in science.

Bus Trip Pay-off

Those who took the bus to Dorset on Saturday are urged to pay Mr. Herrschaft \$2.79 if they have not already done so.

Photographs of Plays

Mr. Mendel will be in the Blue Parlor this afternoon at 1:30 to take orders for copies of photographs of the Robert Frost plays. Photographs of the previous plays will also be available at that time.

Departure Notices

Please hand in your departure envelopes, even though you intend to go by private car. It is important for us to have our records complete.

If the provisions for taxis listed on the Bulletin Board outside the Dining Room do not agree with your plans for leaving, you should report the matter to the Inn Desk at once.

Book Store

No further sales will be made in the Book Store after Wednesday evening. Be sure to anticipate your needs for the rest of the week at that time.

There are available at five cents each several Bread Loaf folders: "Give Me No Marble Slab Nor Sculptured Bronze", Robert Frost's address at the dedication of the Davison Memorial Library; "Birches"; "Bread Loaf", by Hervey Allen; "Robert Frost: Godfather of Bread Loaf"; "Spoken at a Castle Gate" by Donald Davidson; and "In the Battell Hemlocks" by Fred Lewis Pattee.

Library Notice

Will the two people who have the library copies of Brooks and Warren: "Understanding Poetry" please return them to the library today.

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Senior Meeting

The fourteen shaking seniors are asked to collect themselves sufficiently to meet in the Blue Parlor immediately after lunch today.

List of Seniors

We apologize to these fourteen illustrious ones for not having given them publicity sooner and to the Right Honorable Erwin Palmer, class president, for not having at least tooted a horn on the eve of his election.

John Elza Baldwin
Margaret Mary Casey
LeRoy Stout Dangler
Mary Cecilia Galbraith
Julia Hansell
Erwin George Palmer
John Parke

Thyrza Chase Parker
Isabelle Kittredge Pease
Marian Viets Rainey
Olive Mabel Raymond
Dorothy Magdalene Rupp
Ruth Smith
Olive Newell Woodworth

Room Reservations

No reservations for next year's rooms will be made after today.

Library

Will the person who took Hanford's "Milton Handbook" without signing for it please return same to the Library today?

Please observe these rules about returning your books to the Library:

1. All course books are to be returned **before** the exam is given.
2. All books must be returned by 2:00 p.m. Friday.
3. If you are leaving early, be sure to return your books before you go.
4. If you are staying for the Writers' Conference, you must turn in your books by the deadline on Friday.

Dining Room

Starting at luncheon tomorrow you may choose your own table companions for the rest of the session. It is requested, however, that you remain at the same table from Wednesday's luncheon on so that it will not be necessary for you to rush the Dining Room at each successive meal in order to be with your friends.

Dorset Bus Debtors

Seven people who took the bus trip to Dorset have not yet paid Mr. Herrschaft. Will they please attend to this today so that our accounts may be complete?

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Book Store

Do not forget that there will be no further sales in the Book Store after tonight. Be sure to buy all the stationery, cigarettes, and maple candy that you need before the Book Store door describes its last arc of the 1946 season.

Will C. A. Baum, Peter Dufault, and Donald Roberts please come to the Book Store today?

Library Notice

The Library will close officially at 2:00 p.m. Friday. All course books must be in at the beginning of each exam, and no books may be kept out after the closing time on Friday. There can be no exceptions made; so please do not embarrass the librarians by asking for any special favors. The matter is out of their hands.

Chorus Rehearsal

At 1:30 today in the Little Theatre there will be a rehearsal of the women's choral group.

Examination Schedule

To refresh your memories on an unpleasant subject, we reprint the exam schedule:

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a.m.

The Teaching of Literature
Modern Drama
Survey of American Literature

2:00 p.m.

Understanding Poetry
Victorian Poets
Modern British & American Poetry
Modern English Novel

Friday, August 9

Curriculum and Methods
American Ballads, Folk Songs & Tales
Shakespeare
Modern American Novel

Play Production
Emerson, Thoreau, and Hawthorne
Milton

Attention, G. I's.

There has been a change in plans. The representative of the Veterans Administration will be at Bread Loaf only on Thursday, August 8. G. I's. should confer with Miss Becker so that their appointments will not conflict with their exams. In the event that this is impossible, the representative will be in Middlebury on the 9th and will arrange to see them there by appointment.

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Library Notices

Missing from Mr. Zahner's shelf is one copy of "Tradition and Experiment in Present Day Literature". Please return it to the Library today.

We have obtained permission to allow those staying over for the Conference to withdraw books for the interim. This may be done between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 on Saturday.

Taxi Notice

Please observe the taxi schedule posted on the Bulletin Board. Make sure that your departure hour is listed correctly and that you follow the schedule as advertised.

Room Reservation Card Creates Crisis

There is revelation in a room card; to wit, this one penned by Judge Franklin J. Hammond:

Race: Caucasian

Do you wish a room reserved? Yes. With roommate? Yes
Have you applied to wait on table? No.
In order to assure you a congenial roommate, will you state whether you smoke.No.
Do you object to smoking? Yes.

When asked why he prefers Mrs. Hammond as a roommate, Judge Hammond averred that it is because she doesn't smoke. Almost immediately, however, he retracted his original promise and refused to answer on the grounds that anything he said might prove to furnish incriminating evidence against him.

Muse Strikes Head-Waiter

But the Head-Waiter, Chief Laughing Coffee Pot, came right back with a left to the jaw and a right to the body and:

Apologia to T. S. E.

For I have known them all already, known them all:-
Have known the dinners, breakfasts, yea the sun-ups,
I have measured out my life with coffee cups.
I know the voices as they rise and fall-
The crash of dishes from the other room.
Another cup? But how should I presume?

In the room the students come and go
Talking of *****T. S. Eliot.

J. A.

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Musical Program Tonight

At 7:30 tonight in the Little Theatre there will be a musical program consisting of piano solos by Margaret Armstrong and selections by the Women's Choir:

Valse, Op. 70-No. 1
Op. 64-No. 2 Chopin
Op. 64-No. 1
 (Piano)

Schafe Können Sicher Weiden - Bach
All Through the Night - Welsh melody
 (Chorus)

Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 14 Mendelssohn
 (Piano)

INTERMISSION

Three Fantastic Dances - Shostakovitch
May Night Palmgren
 (Piano)

Holy Manna
Wondrous Love Ballad Singers
Hebrew Children
Evening Shade

Troisieme Ballade, Op. 47 - Chopin
 (Piano)

Attention, Juniors

All Juniors and anyone willing to help decorate the Little Theatre for the Commencement exercises are asked to meet in the Blue Parlor immediately after dinner this evening.

Library Notice

You are asked to remember that ALL books MUST be returned to the Library by 2:00 p.m. today. Please co-operate so that our Librarians will not go completely berserk.

Pictures Available

The photographs of the plays "A Masque of Reason" and "Hill Wife" will be available in the Blue Parlor immediately after lunch.

Dr. Thompson's Classes

Members of Dr. Thompson's classes are reminded to call at Miss Becker's office tomorrow morning for their copies of "A Guide to the Analysis of a Novel".

Commencement Procedure

- 6:00: All Seniors, "now calm of mind, all passion spent", meet in the Blue Parlor.
6:15: The grand march into the Dining Room is executed by the conquering heroes and heroines. All other members of the student body are asked to be seated before this time.
7:40: Seniors and members of the Faculty meet in the Blue Parlor for last long looks at each other and the traditional alphabetizing of the Seniors.
8:00: "Nods and becks and wreathed smiles" and, incidentally, the Commencement exercises are now in progress.

Middlebury College Bulletin

Students and friends of the Bread Loaf School of English will be interested to hear that Middlebury College is launching a drive to expand its physical plant. The first addition, a physical education center, will include a gymnasium, swimming pool, and field house. Later, a library addition, dormitories, a Fine Arts center, and a play-house will be built.

A fund-raising drive starts in October, the immediate focus of which is a field house. This memorial fund will honor those men and women who represented Middlebury College in the armed forces in World War II. It will especially memorialize the fifty-six Middlebury men who served this country well and who died in its service.

It is hoped that all those at Bread Loaf who are genuinely interested in the needs and ambitions of Middlebury College will feel the urgency of this appeal. Our school here has never been a self-sustaining unit. It is supported as well as sponsored by Middlebury, and our welfare here is inextricably associated with the fortune of Middlebury College.

Notice to Dilletantes

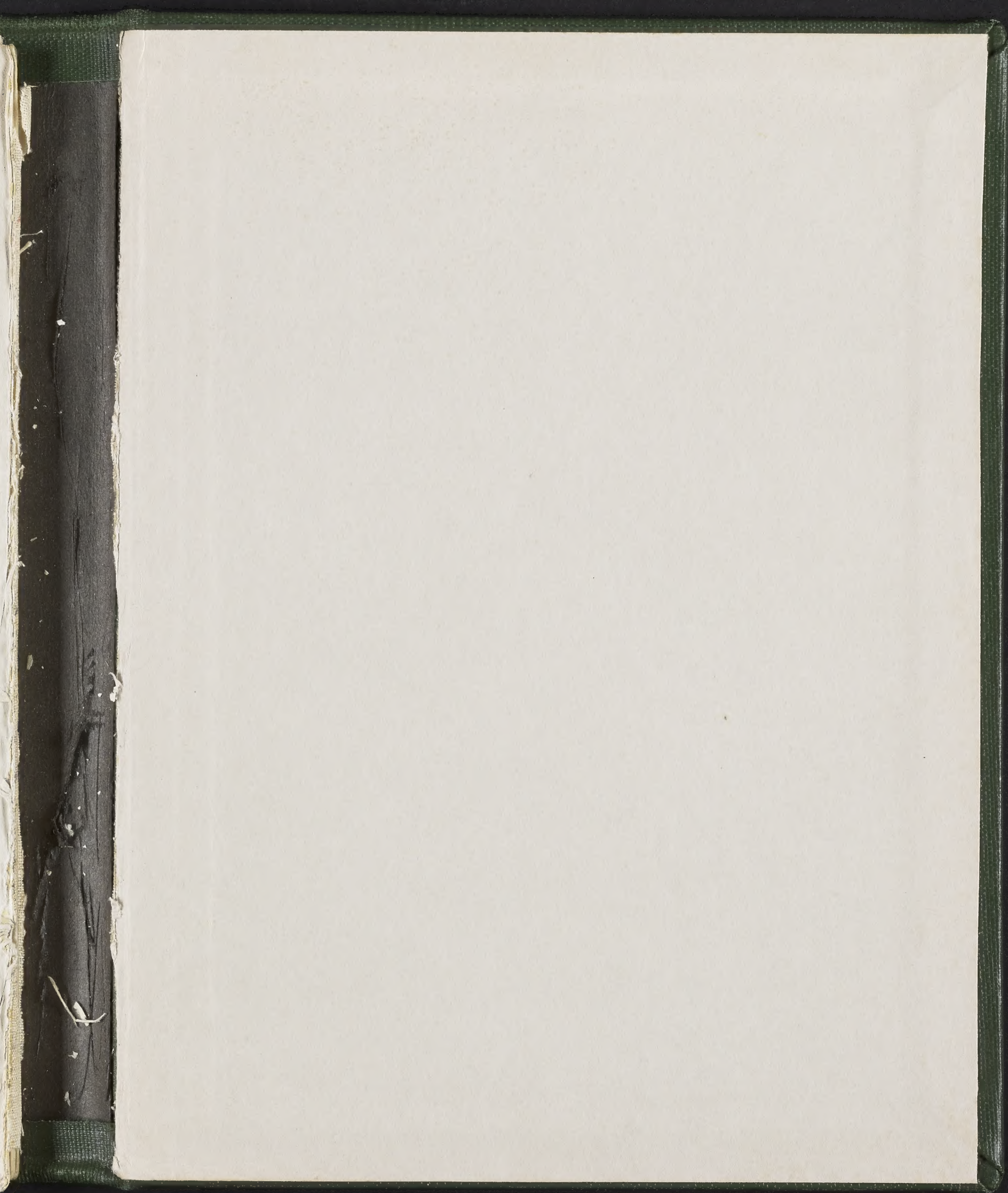
Water colors and early primitive sporting prints by Georgiana Camp will be on exhibit this afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00, room 10D, Hoi Polloi. Press agents for La Camp, the misses Faso and Wheeler, are ready to make attractive offers to those willing to take them away. (Editor's note: We print this verbatim, but feel it only fair to mention that the "them", in all probability, refers to the prints and not the princesses.)

Head-Waiter Retracts

The Head-Waiter, Chief Laughing Coffee Pot, wishes to announce that the "poem" in yesterday's CRUMB signed "J. A." was not a personal contribution, "and any resemblance to any ballades, rondels, aubades, sonnets, odes, elegies, epigrams, etc., living or dead, was purely co-incidental and not of his pen." Further, the Chief wishes the contributor to reveal his, her, or its identity, so that he may discuss the possibility of hiring said contributor as a ghost writer to prepare his lectures.

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